

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



## *To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, In today's highly interconnected world, telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to government services, community resources, friends and family; and
- WHEREAS, Not everyone can afford the cost of a home telephone, and a number of our Commonwealth's households still do not have telephone service in their homes; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have joined in a collaborative effort to make telephone service more affordable for the nation's low-income consumers by providing a discount on the connection fee and monthly charges for local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS, The Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) and Link-Up America (Link-Up) programs offer tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in Kentucky and make basic telephone service more affordable; and
- WHEREAS, The Lifeline program provides a discount to eligible low-income customers on their monthly phone bill, and the Link-Up program provides a generous discount to consumers on the installation of telephone service in their homes; and
- WHEREAS, It is imperative to ensure that all Kentucky and U.S. citizens have access to affordable basic local telephone service; and
- WHEREAS, The FCC, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, other state and federal agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and telecommunications companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Link-Up and Lifeline programs and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up for the programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2009, as

## LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK

in Kentucky and commend this observance to all.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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